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Danish Sightings

UFO Reports 1988

By Torben Birkeholm

To begin with let's take a look back on the year 1987. We can now tell that SUFOI got 105 reports in 1987 and that 25 of them were on sightings from earlier years.

We have found an explanation on 97 sightings and left are only 8 sightings which we are not able to explain for the time being and therefore might call them ufo sightings. But we are still investigating some of the sightings from 1987.

As a standard of reference we'll here show the reports from the former years:

1983: 171 reports
1984: 152 reports
1985: 136 reports
1986: 87 reports
1987: 105 reports

Thus the number of reports on sightings in that way have increased compared to 1986, but it's not remarkable.

Close Encounter of the 3th Kind?

In the beginning of 1988 SUFOI received a report on a sighting from the 60's, where a person from Aalborg had an unusual experience which he had „forgotten“ in many years. After he had heard a feature on UFOs in Nordjyllands Radio he contacted SUFOI.

The story sounds shortly like this: The man was out of doors at 01 o'clock a.m. in a winter night, where the temperature was 12 degrees Celcius under the freezing point. At about 30 over the ground he saw a searchlight. When the light approached he saw all the colours of the rainbow in a light under a saucer-shaped object. There was a kind of a „railing“ surrounding the object in the front of a dome with round „windows and something like an oblong „door“.

Suddenly a tall „man“ in some kind of an uniform, with shining buttons, appeared. „The man“ waved to the witness who tried to wave back to „the man“ but he couldn't - he was totally stiff!

After 3-4 minutes the light was turned off and the object disappeared. The witness felt uneasy and was wasn't feeling well several days.

Mystical light over East Himmerland

If we look at a list over sightings from November 1987, one date will look very remarkable. It was November the 17th, 1987. It began with a report from a woman who has driven her son from Aalborg to Øster Hurup (Eastern Hurup) at the east coast of Jutland. At 23 o'clock they saw two white lights in a southern direction. The light seemed to hover and they stopped in Egense to get a closer look at the phenomenon. On that time that they meant the light was descending. They continued their trip and saw the phenomenon from another direction. In that way they saw 6-8 red and green lights surrounding the white ones.

Shortly after, the white light went out, and only the coloured was still visible.

Suddenly they saw the lights were flying out over Kattegat where they disappeared.

After a little while an airliner from Copenhagen to Aalborg passed and by comparing the airliner and the light-phenomenon, both the mother and the son concluded in that the mystically lights were no aeroplane. They thought that the lights were only a few hundred meters away.

Some days later SUFOI asked »Aalborg Stiftstidende« to advertise for witnesses to the sighting. And this resulted in a lot of reports from other witnesses. The most of the reports were on sightings from other times but some of them had seen the light-phenomenon from November the 17th. Some of the witnesses had seen both the airliner and the other light phenomenon.

Yet, all of our investigations indicated that the light phenomenon had not been only a few hundred meters away - but more likely several kilometers! When the mother and the son thought the lights were very different from the airliner there is nothing strange in that. Many different types of planes pass over our heads and they have all a different way to carry their lights. Different visual angles can explain why the white searchlight seemed to be turned off.

In no other way the light-phenomenon didn't behave like a normal plane. For example it often has happened that a „hovering“ light has resulted in UFO-reports. What happens is, that a plane approaching the witness, looks like it is hovering, while it in fact slowly approaches. And in clear weather the landing lights might be seen over a long di-



stance, and minutes can pass before you see a movement.

Powerful Sound Scares people

On November the 29th, 1987, several adult couples in the village Skelund, north of Hadsund, had a dramatically experience. Between 00.30 and 01.00 a married couple was sitting in their house and saw a video film. Suddenly the sound from the TV set was drowned by a powerful „humming“ seemingly coming from outside the house.

It was like the sound „packed in“ the house, and the man went out in the dark. Still he was able to hear the sound and he looked up in the air, but there was nothing.

After some minutes the sound moved away in a south eastern direction. The wife who had been standing behind the window remarked the electric lights on a spruce in the garden. It was moving up and down - and in fact it was calm outside. She thought that it perhaps could be caused by some kind of an engine/machine which also made the powerful noise.

This experience was mentioned in *Aalborg Stiftstidende* too and it appeared that another couple had been up late to see a video film. They could tell about the same phenomenon but they compared the sound with noise from a low flying jetplane. Or like 10 small jet-planes flying in a formation. Here too the man went outside but he didn't see anything on the cloudy sky.

Due to SUFOI's contacts in the military and civil aviation authorities, it was established that no planes had been in the area at the time mentioned. Yet, in the same time they couldn't exclude that one or several planes had been in the area.

After having examined all the details it is SUFOI's opinion that or a number of planes had caused the mystically sound. Nothing in the described exclude the possibilities, but still it is a riddle what the purpose of the such a flying in a low altitude should be and what kind of one (or several) plane it was.

Successful Physics Experiment

As usual the clear and intense light from the planet Venus, which often can be seen for several hours, caused a lot of reports. But we are able to explain these kind of sightings very easily.

In the beginning of April 1988 the police and the rescue service at the airforce was close to start an extensive search. At 11.35 a.m. on April the 7th the police in Haderslev was alarmed by a pensioner in Gram. He had seen a cigar-shaped, balloon-like object flying slowly towards west. He thought it was an UFO and after a little time it suddenly began to smoke and the object crashed.

The police sent a patrol car out and contacted The Meteorological Service and a lot of airforce bases which normally are sending weather-balloons up. Nobody was missing a balloon and they promised to send a plane over the area when it was possible.

In fact the airforce didn't manage to send a plane to the Southern Jutland only for this reason. Two hours after the alarm the police received a message that the balloon could have been launched from Gram School as an experiment in a physic-class!

It appeared that a school class had launched some hot-air balloons of tissue paper. Under every one of the balloons was mounted a tinfoil salver with burning spirit tablets and the pupils could not hold them by the tiller ropes. Consequently one of them flew a long distance before it burned and crashed. It is both dangerous and illegal but the police handled it humouristic: „*It certainly was a successful physic experiment!*“ the officer on duty noted (Vestkysten, April the 8th, 1988).

A few other sightings from April seems to be planes or other known phenomena.

In May there was very few reports while June was very interesting. SUFOI received some older sightings but on June the 19th something very unusual happened:

UFO Recorded on Video Tape

At about 02.10 on the night before, Sunday June 19th, a married couple was driving from Hørsholm to Lyngby (in the northern of Zealand). They were driving along the motorway to Klampenborgvej and turned to the left at Hjortekærvej. Here they saw a round light straight forward in a very low altitude. They couldn't estimate the distance but the blue-yellow light was the half of the size of the Full Moon and was flying on the northern sky.

The man very quickly turned to the right at Trongårdsvej and stopped the car. He realized that his video camera (Panasonic M7) was laying in the luggage compartment of the car. From the front-seat he opened the hatch-door and in a hurry got the camera turned in to outdoor recording. The man estimates that there only passed one minute from the moment they saw the light; to he began to film.

Two Minutes Recording

When the light disappeared after about two minutes video recording they had been watching the light phenomena for about 3 minutes.

The wife was sitting in the car during the sighting.

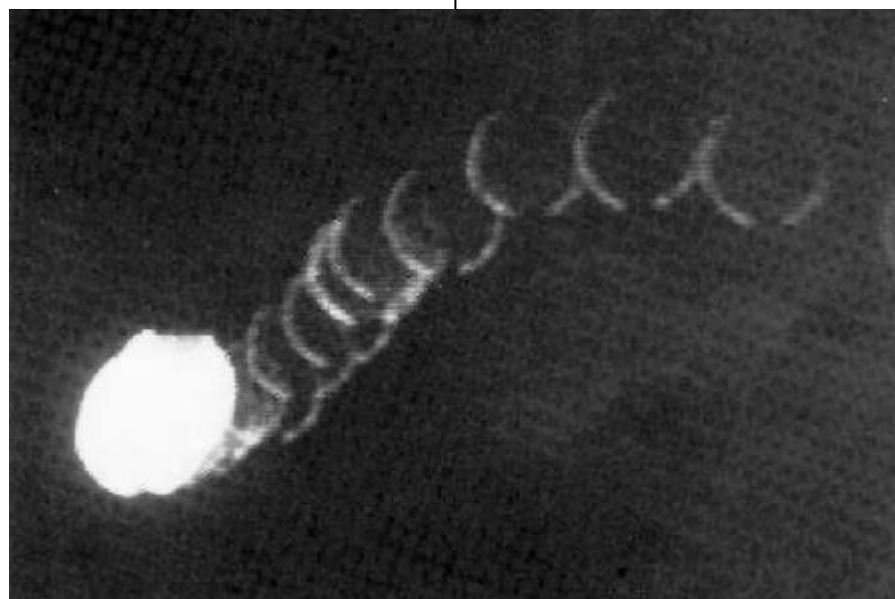
The light moved slowly with steady velocity in an east-south-eastern direction until it disappeared behind some trees. On its way it passed behind a pylon, and it is very clear to see that the pylon totally covered the light.

According to the report the light phenomenon was circular, with a little spot at the top, and seemingly a „notch“ in the bottom.

The round center was a diffuse, regular pulsating light surrounded by a ring-shaped steady yellow light. In the calm and clear weather not a sound was heard from the light phenomenon. The Meteorological Service told, that a measuring Saturday evening, June the 18th at 11 o'clock p.m. showed a wind at 5-6 meters per second from West-Northwest.

SUFOI Alarmed

Within 24 hour after the episode the man contacted SUFOI's Alarm Center



Long time exposure made by photographing a TV-screen.
Photo case 1988-06-19-207



Two pictures from the video recording photographed from the TV-screen. On the upper image the „flat“ top and the „notch“ at the bottom of the phenomenon is visible. The original video recording is in colours. The light-phenomenon is changing all the time, in both size and focus - which seemingly is caused by the auto focus of the camera.

Photo case 1988-06-19-297.

where Ole J. Knudsen immediately started series of investigations.

A contact to the military authorities showed that no military planes had been in the area, while they couldn't tell anything about civil planes.

Two experienced field investigators from SUFOI visited the observation site and interviewed the two witnesses a few days after the incident. In the same time they saw the video recording and received a copy. This copy has been studied in SUFOI's Photo Department and sent to the military photo experts at Karup Airforce Base. We will later return to this exciting case.

Fire Ball over Himmerland

On April the 24th 1988 a 63 year old person was fishing in Lindeneborg Å (an å is a little river) at Storvorde in Himmerland. The weather was clear, calm and dry and the witness noticed a star reflecting in the water.

At 10.45 p.m. the fishing person suddenly saw a round „fire ball“ on the surface of the little river and when the witness looked up, the „fire ball“ was straight over the head, where it was hovering a moment before it slowly and soundless moved towards Northeast. When the red „fire ball“ was near the horizon it changed its colour to yellow and got a tail. The light

phenomenon disappeared slowly and was seen during 4 minutes.

Three Sightings in Daylight

On May 23th three sightings occurred in the daylight, all of them in the middle of the afternoon. One of the sightings occurred in Søborg and another in Vanløse.

The third case took place in Fredericia where four adult persons and two children at 4.00 p.m. saw a black cylinder-shaped object in a northern direction about 45° over the horizon. The weather was a little cloudy but mostly sunlight. The black object hovered soundless in the sky for about half an hour and suddenly it was gone.

Silvery Ball Seen from a Plane

An experienced pilot and his passenger started on June the 7th at 10.30 a.m. from Allerød Airfield in a four persons plane (PA 28).

A few minutes after take up the plane was in an altitude of about 1,000 feet (about 300 meters) on the way to „checkpoint Favrholm“ at the edge of Værløse Control Zone. The course was about 350 and at 10.32 a.m. the person in the right front seat noticed something passing under them across. He first thought it was a model plane (on account of its size), but the speed was very high (estimated to 120 knots). He drew his neighbour's attention to the fact of the phenomenon and they saw the object turned towards them, climbed and flew side by side with their right wing perhaps 50 meters away.

Both of the men started at the object, which was a ball of perhaps 50 cm in diameter. The ball stayed in the same position regardless that the plane was banking more or less. The ball was silvery but changed from time to time to red and blue. The light seemed to come from the ball and was not a reflection from another source of light.

The pilot turned a couple of times and the ball was still following them. The speed of the plane was about 80 knots and caused by a greater radius the speed of the ball must have been higher.

The plane made a series of turns in an altitude at about 1,000 feet. These turns had a duration on one and a half to two minutes. During the second turn they contacted Værløse on the radio and asked if they had their plane on the radar. They confirmed, but they couldn't see any ball. The witnesses think that it might have been too small or just not gave any echo on the radar screen.

The two men didn't try to fly near the ball but decided to fly home. On the way home over Nørre Herlev they lost

the sight of the ball when they were busy to prepare the landing.

This very interesting sighting came to the knowledge of SUFOI some weeks after the incident, but not before the ending of September it succeeded to receive a detailed description from one of the witnesses. The case deserves further investigation and it is interesting to find out if people on the ground have seen the object as well.



Meteor Like Phenomena

On August the 21st short after 01.00 in the night, witnesses from the Northern and Central parts of Jutland and Funen saw a meteor like phenomenon which perhaps is the one and same phenomenon. There are some differences in time and duration as it often is when several independent witnesses report UFOs. Of course it cannot be excluded that it could have been separated meteor sightings but several things are pointing at the same phenomenon. To solve the case we need more witnesses.

Meteors or Parts of Satellites

September 17th, 1988 - a calm and clear night - on a camping ground at Gudhjem on Bornholm three persons were sitting watching the stars on the sky. Suddenly at 02.23 Danish Summertime they noticed a shining spot flying from north to south.

The round white light had a „tail“ shining in red, yellow and white colours. „The tail“ was several times longer than the round light in front.

After 10-15 seconds the light phenomenon had moved 70-80° across the sky when it did disintegrate and disappear. The witnesses thought that it

could have been a satellite burning up in the atmosphere. But it is possible it was a huge meteor.

The same explanation may be used on a sighting from October the 11th, 1988 where two witnesses in Odense independent of each other noticed a red respectively orange light flying from northwest to northeast.

Yet, one of the witnesses describes that the light made two turns before it suddenly disappeared. Ole J. Knudsen from SUFOI's Alarmcenter has noticed that it's very unusual a meteor both is slowly (90 in 8-10 seconds) and „makes manoeuvres“, but it happens. Also here it may be a falling satellite.

Tractor Influenced by a UFO?

The very next day - on October the 10th, 1988 - a 9 year old boy, near Åkirkeby on Bornholm saw something strange. The boy is harrowing a field for his father in the twilight (between 5.00 and 7.00 p.m.). While he is driving the tractor he notice a triangular light phenomenon to the northeast about 45 over the horizon.

He estimates the sides of the triangle to be about 5 cm in stretched arm. The light changes between white, light yellow and orange. Inside the triangle he can see a shining „circle“ with changing colours - white, light yellow, orange, pink and light green.

For a moment the boy was scared but continues the harrowing. He turns the tractor and drives back, now with his back to the light-phenomenon. Not until he again turns the front to the light he can see the triangle which has changed appearance. The shining „circle“ inside the triangle is surrounded by lighting spots with connection to the „circle“.

The boy noticed that the headlights of the tractor flashed and turn off. During his second run towards the light-phenomenon, it suddenly „turns off“ and disappears - and now the headlights was in function again. There was no troubles with the engine and it hasn't been established if there was a connection



between the light-phenomenon and the flashing headlights of the tractor or if it was a coincidence.

The phenomenon was seen for one to two minutes. Furthermore the boy didn't told any others about his experience before a month later.

Flying „Ellert“ over Odense

(„Ellert“ is a nickname for a little Danish electric vehicle). The owner of a video-shop in Odense says to Fyens Stiftstidende that he is convinced that there was ufos at work over the city on October the 17th, 1988!

At 10.45 p. m. the lamps began to flash and the whole house shook weakly skaked. The watches on his video-recorders stopped and when he took the telephone only noise and humming sounds were heard. This lasted for about three minutes.

Several people in the district have confirmed to the owner, that something strange happened but nothing was seen on the hazy night sky.

Yet the businessman is convinced that it was UFOs „withdraw“ of a transformer behind a neighbouring restaurant. We don't know if the UFO wanted to charge the batteries or what the purpose else should have been...

Yet the power plant has confirmed, that there wasn't a power interrupt in the district. SUFOI is still working on the case.

Planet at Work again

A farmer at Langeland was on November the 14th, 1988 sitting in his living room. At 22.30 he noticed a round light with a red glow on the sky. He told to Fyns Amts Avis/Langelands Avis that he went out to take a closer look at the „light“.

The farmer described something as „7-8 very long aerals“ protruding in diffent directions and the light made from time to time some „short hops“. The light was still on the sky when he went inside again at 11.10 p.m., but it had flown to the west.

The note in the newspaper meant that the farmer almost was rung down by others who too had seen the light phenomenon. 23 persons called on the phone and they talked about almost the same kind of sightings. Many of them had seen something alike later that night, but when SUFOI contacted the farmer it appeared that there was a natural explanation on the case - the mysterious details too!

The planets are often cause to sightings and this was in this case the matter. The „short hops“ and „the aerals“ may be classed with simple light refractions phenomena in the atmosphere, like the so called auto kinetic effect - little involuntary muscular twitch in the eyes and the neck giving an impression of something moving - may contribute in misinterpre-

tations. Especially if one is starring at a light spot for a longer time.

Ghost or UFO?

On December the 19th, 1988 a man from Northern Jutland possibly had a close encounter of the 2nd kind. He had visited some good friends living near Skørping and they had talked to about 3 o'clock in the morning.

The man had only a few kilometers home and he walked in the blowing but dry weather. It was dark and he should pass through a little plantation - a way he often had walked. Suddenly the air around him was shining in a red colour. Simultaneously, he felt a prickling on his skin and the hair on his head rose while he felt both cold and hot. The time now was 03.20.

The man was scared and didn't dare to look back for the light source until he had walked a kilometer farther. When he looked back, he saw a „circle“ near the ground shining in blue, white and green colours. He left the site while the phenomenon still was visible and he believes the duration was approx. 20 minutes.

The man thought at the phenomenon as a kind of haunting and he wrote to the Society for Psychic Research which told him to contact SUFOI.

The man was willing to tell about his experience and show the site, but he was too afraid to go to the site. Possible effects from high voltage lines in the neighbourhood are possibilities SUFOI is studying, and, of course, we'll report any additional information on this case.



84 Approaches in One Year

A statement for the year 1988 shows that people has contacted SUFOI 84 times in 1988 on sightings, which they were not able to explain themselves. It's a little decrease in relation to 1987, where 105 approaches were recorded but close to the 87 approaches in 1986. The clearing up rate is still about 90.

Fall-out

Ice from Heaven

By Ole Henningsen

In old writings you can find accounts of strange things falling down from Heaven, from fishes and living frogs to ice lumps. - It still happens that people tells about falling ice lumps but in our days there is normally a reasonable explanation on the last named phenomenon.

In the newspapers on July the 27th, 1987, you could read the following account:

Two ice lumps simply fall from the Heaven

The summer of 1987 was probably not the warmest in the History of Denmark but the finding of two ice lumps in Tåstrup near Copenhagen, nevertheless, roused the suspiciousness of many citizens, so the police had to turn out twice.

„The first ice lump was in melted condition brought to the police station in Glostrup suspected to had fallen from the Heaven. The ice lump wasn't quite melted and still undergoing an investigation when the second announcement on the finding of another ice lump arrived.

„This lump had been found on the roof of a carport which indicated that the ice came from the sky. Furthermore the consistency was better because the finder - to ensure the evidence - had been so thoughtful to put it in the home freezer. The police was in that way able to see that the ice was blue.

„Perhaps the finder regret his obligingness when the authorities in Kastrup Airport solved the mystery. From the colour and consistency the authorities were sure that both of the found ice lumps were lavatory rinsing fluid from an aeroplane. It was probably thrown out in an altitude of about 10,000 feet, which is equal to 3 kilometers and caused by the high altitude it was frozen before it struck down in Tåstrup.

„The Airport authorities wasn't able to solve, which plane it came from

because many planes had flown over Tåstrup during the day. But it had to be an accident because the lavatories are normally not allowed to be drained off over land.“



Previous SUFOI has investigated such ice fallings e.g. at Hobro on August the 18th, 1979.

An ice lump of about 2 kg hit the ground few meters from two persons in Redsø near Hobro at about 11.20 a. m. At the same time two other supposed ice lumps were seen, falling about 2 kilometers from there, but without no trace on the ground.

An analysis from the picked up ice lump from Hobro showed that it consisted of a lot of soft water. It obviously came from a high flying airliner where the ice was made by a defect waste water tank. The aircraft mechanic will

find immediately find such a defect after the landing and everything will be done to repair the defect before the plane's next take off. The crew is aware of the risk connected by detached ice lumps.

A risk which was clearly shown by an engine damage in 1972 where detached ice from a defect waste water pipe shattered an engine on one of the airliners of Sterling Airways.

Not every thing from the Heaven is of the good.

And to interpret previous times account on things falling from the Heaven, is quite another story.



This ice lump fell down from Heaven March, 25th. 1974 near Pinner in Middelsex and landed on a car.

Photo: Phenomena

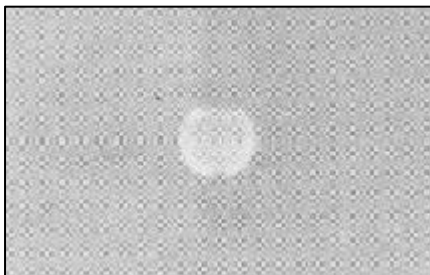
UFO Recorded on Video?

By Torben Birkeholm

SUFOI has investigated a video recording of a light phenomenon from June 1988. Now we have received the results of the first analysis done by SUFOI's own employees and a photoanalyser from the military.

The History

It all began on a Sunday, June the 19th, 1988. A man and his wife had been to a family party and was now driving home on Helsingørmotorvejen from Hørsholm to Lyngby. They turned from the motorway at Klampingborgvej and to the left at Hjortekærvej. Here they suddenly, at approx. 02.10 o'clock (Danish Summertime), saw a round light ahead and in a rather low altitude.



They couldn't estimate the distance but the blue/yellow light was in a northern direction and the couple thought it was strange. The man who was driving, quickly turned to the right at Trongårdsvej and stopped the car. The man had remembered that his video-camera was laying in the boot. He placed himself on the road at the left side of the car and in a short time the camera was ready. The wife stayed in the car.

They estimate that not more than one minute passed from they noticed the light to the man began to record pictures and sound (he talked to his wife during the recording - but only the man's voice can be heard).

The recording lasted exactly two minutes and SUFOI was informed the following day. SUFOI's Alarm Center has got confirmed that there was no

military fly-activity in the area, but it couldn't be established if possible civilian planes had been there.

SUFOI Involves a Photo-expert

Two field investigators started the investigations by interviewing the couple and seeing the recording. The first report said the light was close on and moved slowly, at constant speed, in an east-southeastern direction until it disappeared behind some trees. On its way the light passed behind a pylon. The light is described as round, a little flat on the upper part and it looked like it had a notch in the bottom.

Later it turned up that the look of the light-phenomenon partly was caused by the autofocus on the camera which wasn't able to focus on the light simultaneously while the man several times used the zoom on the camera. Therefore the light phenomenon changed look several times at the recording.

For a few seconds it looks like the light is in focus and appears as a round well-defined „ball“, but surely smaller than in the image and without a „notch“.

This facts caused some misunderstandings and simultaneous there was a series of blurred items in connection to the distance, altitude and compass measurements. Therefore one of SUFOI's field investigators visited the site two times like the photographer contributed with further pieces of information.

Together with a series of photos from the observation site the new pieces of information were collected in a report on 40 pages. The report showed there was still great uncertainty about some of the conditions, but

there was basis to make some calculations.

The whole report was, as previously arranged, sent to Mogens Nielsen-Ferreira who has offered his help. Ordinary he is photo-decipher at the fly-unit in Karup making the photo-recognising for the defence, and he should among other things make some calculations on the speed of the light-phenomenon etc.

A Cloud Appears in the Image

Mogens Nielsen-Ferreira noticed that the light disappeared more than once - consequently more than the time where it passed behind the pylon. He meant it was because the light passed behind a cloud on the else clear nocturnal sky. The meteorologists have confirmed there was a formation of clouds in about an altitude of 2,500 feet nearly 4 kilometers from the married couple. This condition could be of value as a minimum for the distance to the light phenomenon.

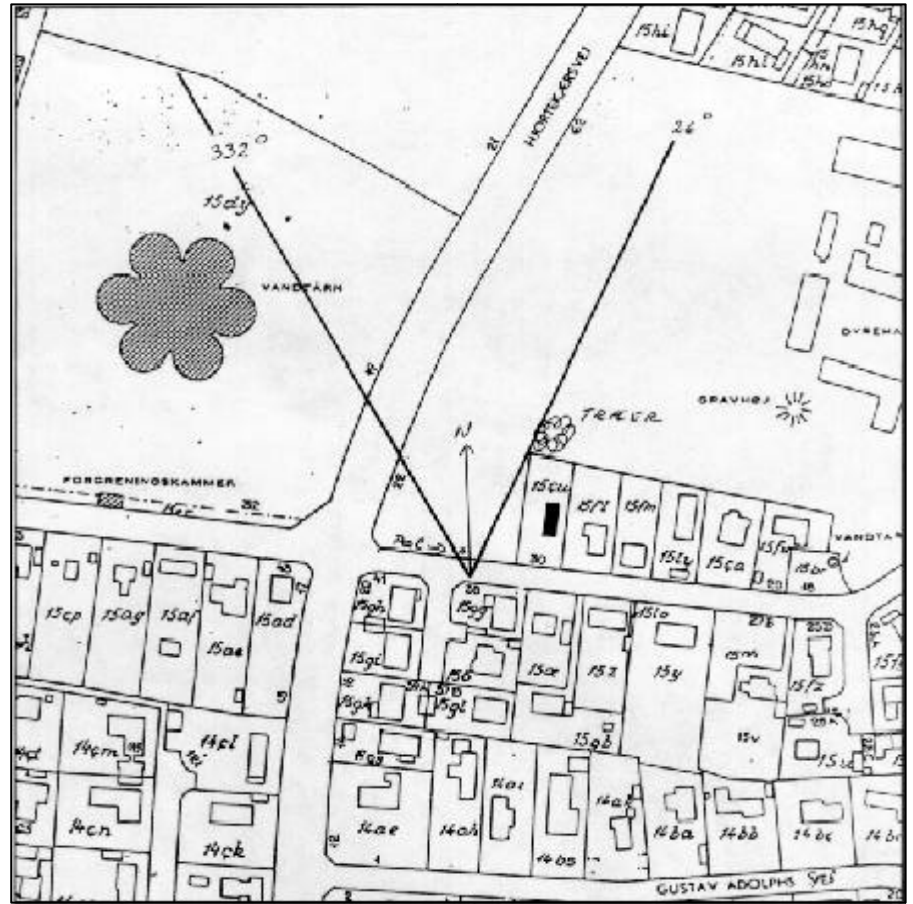
The photo-decipher wanted a higher degree of precision in the measures of compass directions and altitudes to objects in the terrain, and therefore a visit on the site together with SUFOI's field investigators was arranged. By the help of a three-inch astronomical telescope with equatorial arrangement and horizontal circle the necessary measures of the direction and angles to the pylon and the trees, which covered the light while it was moving, were done.

Sound and Timing

After that Mogens Nielsen-Ferreira sat up a series of constants and variables for use in the calculations. Here is reproduced a „timing of the video

START	0 sec.
„Now it disappeared“	33 sec.
„Yes, yes, there it is“	38 sec.
„What ever is it?“	45 sec.
PYLON	46 sec.
CLOUD	57 sec.
„It's very strange, that!“	60 sec.
„Can you understand?“	73 sec.
„What ever is it?“	94 sec.
„It isn't a plane!“	95 sec.
„But I can“	108 sec.
FIRST GROUP OF TREES	111 sec.
„Now I cannot more... Yes there it comes!“	115 sec.
SECOND GROUP OF TREES	120 sec.

Horizontal angle pylon-trees ..	23 deg.
Object's horizontal angle speed 21	deg/sec.
Totally video recording	42 deg.
Start video in direction	336 deg.
Stop video in direction	19 deg.
Pylon in direction	350 deg.
Cloud in direction	353 deg.
Horizontal angle pylon-cloud	3.86 deg.
Cloud i high	<u>2,500 ft</u>
Distance to cloud	3.99 km
Length of meridian	3.95 km
Object minimum travelled	
distance (pylon-trees)	1.6 km
Object's minimum absolute	
speed	88 km/h
Angle from $\perp$ on meridian (off)	0 deg.



Horizontal angle pylon-trees ...	35 deg.
Object's horizontal	321 deg./
angle speed	sec.
Totally video recording	64 deg.
Start video in direction	328 deg.
Stop video in direction	32 deg.
Pylon in direction	350 deg.
Cloud in direction	355 deg.
Horizontal angle pylon-cloud ...	5.86 deg.
Cloud i high	2.500 ft
Distance to cloud	3.99 km

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A map over the area at Lyngby where a man recorded a light phenomenon on video. The two angle-directions show start and stop of the video-recording, as shown in example 2. The direction and the distance to the cloud is between those.

respectively 88 km/h, 112 km/h and 135 km/h.

If you suppose the light-phenomenon is twice the distance away so far away as the cloud and we also take our starting point in example 2 the speed is 224 km/h instead of 112 km/h.

A Plane?

Of course there is a series of other possibilities in calculating the different values and Mogens Nielsen-Ferreira has tried a lot of them - but with the used assumptions the result is, that the speed fits with a little plane. And of course in the same way it can be established, that a reflection from the ground can be excluded.

Military fly-activity was excluded shortly after the recording, while it has not been possible to get a final proof or disproof on possible civil fly activity. Normally there isn't much civil air-

traffic at this late time, but it's in no way excluded. But the case was not closed after this. SUFOI really worked with the video-tape in an attempt to give an explanation to the light which could satisfy our curiosity.



Picture Analysis Made new Explanations

The next step in the analysis was made by SUFOI's photo-consultant Hans Bødker. He chose to concentrate himself about the recording. He borrowed the original tape and made a copy with selected images of a high quality. In that way he was able to see every detail in the selected images.

Bødker learned that the light-phenomenon was „pulsing“. In the last part of the recording the light was seen changing so intense several times, that it almost was turned off, and shortly after it was turned on again.

This changing in the light-intensity was very irregular and lead Hans Bødker to the conclusion that it was either a meteor or space-garbage (burning satellites, booster rockets or similar) tumbling around in the air, while it was burning up in the atmosphere. This explanation seemed to be true with the observed effects on the recording. But the time and course didn't fit in with the filed satellite falls.

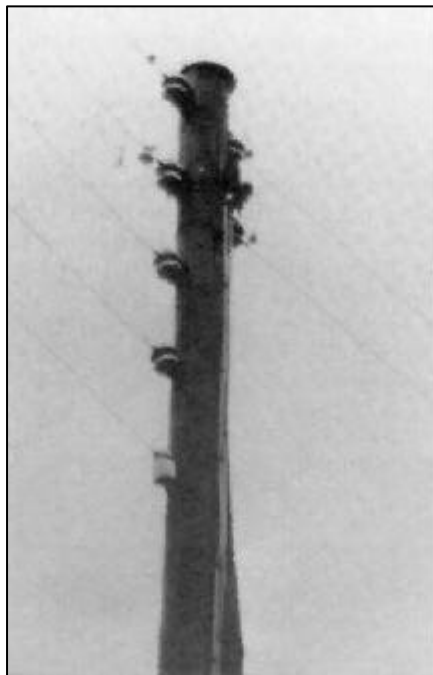
Another important finding was the fact that in the images he could see the light passing behind the overhead-wires on the pylon, where the light passed behind in the first part of the recording. In a normal display of the recording you can see when the light is passing behind the pylon, while the light totally disappears. But both the „pulsing“ of the light and the „flying behind“ the overhead-wires only can be seen when the recording is shown image by image. A totally unexpected finding!

Besides this news Hans Bødker was able to add one more. The light-phenomenon didn't appear immediately on the other side of the pylon as former supposed. Bødker thought that the photographer had lost the contact with the light, and first got the light in the picture-frame again, after the passing of the pylon. Attempts to measure the duration of this passing was not possible.

New Findings - New Problems

We wanted to verify our new knowledge and after agreement, Hans Bødker visited the observation-site in Lyngby.

Here one of image is showing the first passage of the light behind one of the overhead-wires. Note the angle of the wire (the wire is seen as a slant, black line through the round light phenomenon), this is opposite the angle when we look at the wire in daylight on the same place. The solution of this problem is very important for the analysis of the video recording.

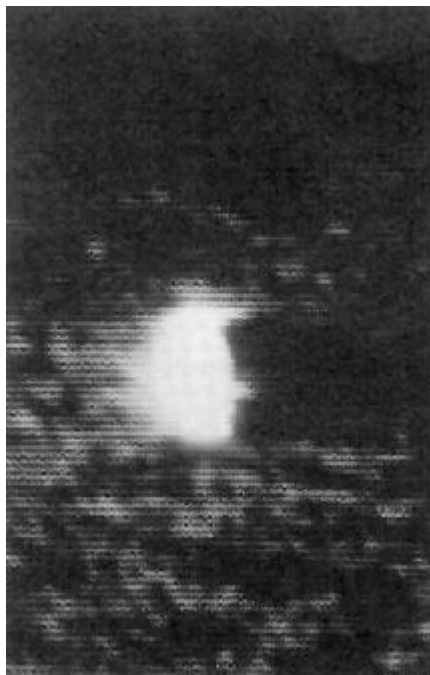


This ordinary, Danish pylon is playing an important role in the analysis of this exciting UFO Video.

He took a series of pictures in daylight from the position by the photographer indicated.

These photos were put together in a panorama showing the whole area, which the photographer had panned during the filming. Above the panorama Bødker placed selected passages from the video-recording and thereby he was ready for a comparative analysis.

How did the recognizable object in the terrain on the recording fit with the surroundings on the panorama filmed in daylight?



The light phenomenon is passing behind a pylon and disappears for a moment.

The overhead-wires seen on the images are connected to this pylon.

Could we see something which could supply our pieces of information about compass courses, altitudes etc.

Hans Bødker was very surprised when he saw that there was something which not at all could be correct!

On the video-recording the overhead wires (connected to the pylon) are seen very clear. On the images the first wire is seen as a dark line running from the lower left corner to the upper right one. But in the daylight panorama the



Here the light is passing behind an overhead-wire after the passing of the pylon. The overhead wire is seen as a weak, almost horizontal line. This and the other images are photographed from a TV screen.

overhead-wires are turned upside down - they are running *from the upper left corner down to the lower right corner of the picture!*

The other parts in the case were very quickly informed and several explanations to the opposite angles were given.

Either it was not the overhead-wires which were seen on the recording or the photographer had moved during the recording, or the tape was not recorded there? Different things indicated that the last possibility didn't seemed realistic but we had to solve the problem before we could proceed further!

New Unknown and Surprising Details

The first part of this article contains the preliminary analysis of the case. The second part contains this new analysis of the video film. The new analysis disclosed a lot of new findings which surprised the experts.

SUFOI is still investigating this interesting case, and when the final research is finished we will return in a future issue of SUFOI News.

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Danish Sightings

UFO Swarms over Funen?

By Frank Lerbæk

On November the 29th, 1988 at 7.00 p.m. Ole J.R. Thürmer from Fåborg is standing at his dormer window looking at the sky when suddenly 3 lights in V-formation crossed the sky within 4-5 seconds...! A couple of days later Ole Thürmer sees nearly the same again. But this time with much more objects...

The First Sighting

"Tuesday, November the 29th at 7.00 p.m. I'm standing and looking at the eastern sky from my dormer window turning towards east-south-east, in what I call the observatory 'Uranienborg', when suddenly, from north-northeast, 3 lights shining as stars in V-formation crossed my field of vision within 4-5 seconds. After passing me the nearest light turns to the left and the others continued their course towards southwest and disappeared in the haze on the southern sky.

"It seemed like the whole path was a weak arch turned in an eastern direction. The sighting covered about 90-100 of the sky. During and short after the passing, no sound was heard.

"I will also refer to the following report from Thursday, December the 1st, 1988 at about 6.00 p.m.

"According to other witnesses my daughter's friend (15 years) had at about the same time, seen a corresponding phenomenon but she thought it was in a northwestern direction."

In the report it appears that the objects were yellow-white and there was no changes in colours and the light was constant. The objects didn't make changes in the speed. The weatherconditions were good: it was clear, dry and there was a little wind. But now to the next sighting:

The Second Sighting

"On Thursday December the 1st, 1988, at about 6.00 p.m., I was again standing at my dormerwindow looking at Jupiter and Mars. There was spread clouds and a cloudbasis at 400-500 meters altitude with a clear sky between the clouds. The airliner from Kastrup to Sønderborg passed with red and white flashing-light in a low altitude from southeast to southwest.

"As I turned and looked at northeast I saw a lot of white lights, with a size like the stars, rise in high speed from the horizon and pass in a huge cluster with an immense speed just east of zenith and then disappear in a southern direction.

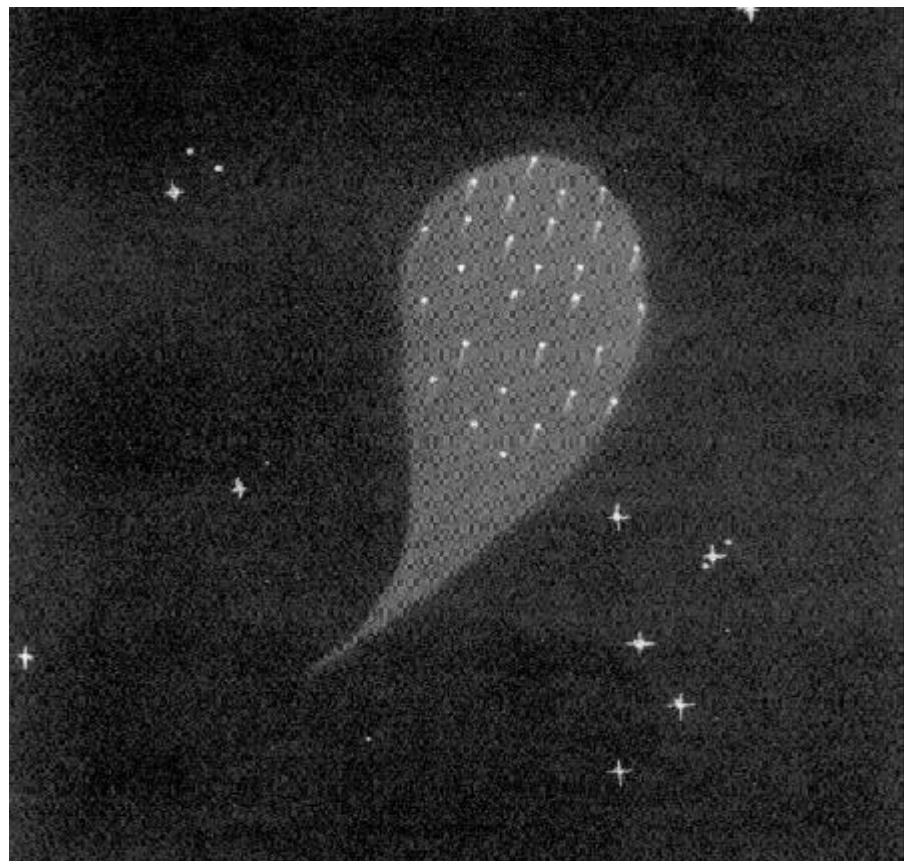
"The numbers of objects is estimated to be between 20 and 30. The duration for the passing is not over 10 seconds and totally soundless. The objects are seen at least for 150-160 of the sky and they are estimated to be in a very high altitude over the spread clouds.

"I kept standing and after about one minute the phenomenon came back, yet

this time there was only 5-10 objects in the 'cluster'. The direction and the course was the same as before. After several minutes I heard noise from a jet-plane in a southwestern direction from fighters on a night manoeuvre. These are heard several times with an interval of half an hour.

The Background of the Witness

Since the witness during many years, for innumerable hours, had stood in his dormerwindow looking at the nocturnal sky without having seen anything which looked like UFOs, then of course



he was very surprised by his sightings. And that is why he wants to tell about his background and why he can be called an experienced observer.

"I've about 60 years experience in watching and observing of planes, clouds, northern lights, meteors and satellites too.

"The interest for flying and planes already started when I was 5 years old. Then I've been with the progress since 1928-30, the war and the Occupation and the time after. I've been interested in the UFO problem since 1947, and I've read what have been available since. But - until the two above mentioned reports on the sightings from November the 28th, 1988, and December the 1st, 1988 - I've not seen anything so remarkable except from phenomena having a 'natural' explanation. Since my former sightings from the 50's and later could be explained as meteors (yet with an unusual behaviour!). I have not done anything except to remember them which I in return do in all details, though.

"Therefore I will try to give a closer analysis of the two reported sightings. I know that it might be difficult to determine the altitude and by that also the speed. In spite of these facts I'm able to establish, this:

1) "The altitude was more than 500 meters since the present type of clouds usually are laying at 400-500 meters. If we assume an altitude of about 1,000 meters the speed was more than 900-1,000 km/h, which is the known maximum of the jet fighters during

manoeuvres in Denmark. And 20 to 30 fighters in the mentioned altitude would cause a terrible noise, which would reach the ground immediately.

2) "Even if we assume an altitude of 8,000-10,000 meters, the observed speed would probably had been near 10,000 km/h. Still there would have been a terrible noise simultaneous with two of the known super-sonic bangs, which also would smash a lot of windows, considering the numbers of 'planes' (20-30).

3) "Absolutely no wing lights (red and green), usually used in manoeuvres in times of peace, were seen. Ole J. Knudsen (SUFOI's Alarm Center) claims that this can cheat but when there was so many objects in 'the air' some of the lanterns must have been visible (if it was planes).

4) "What furthermore interpret high altitude, during the passage, is the appearance on the northeastern sky where the lights with high speed rise vertically, seen from the site of the witness and since the air between the clouds was very clear, (all the stars were sharp defined) it was possible to see a very long distance. On the other hand; on the southern sky there was a front of clouds.

"5) The mentioned jet-noise didn't come (from west) until about 2-3 minutes after the last 'wave' of objects had passed and in this way didn't belong to the observed.

"My first thought was that the airforce had sent somebody on the wings to look

for something on the radar. A phonecall to Skrydstrup Airforce Base the following day didn't make it clear. They had no reports about radar-sightings from the two days, November the 29th and December the 1st, 1988. They told that the Germans had a manoeuvre those days and their planes could fly over Danish territory during the manoeuvre. To this I said it would have been a little strange that they were flying 20-30 plane so close on each other in the dark, and they said that it wouldn't be quite impossible. But I doubt that the Germans should have super sonic, soundless jet fighters already!

"Immediately after the lights had disappeared over the southern horizon I saw something else. Low, in cross direction consequently from west to east, something like a meteor lightend up and disappeared again within a second, more intense shining than the objects which had a constant light-intensity during the whole passage.

6) "In the report-scheme I've been asked for possible psychological effects during and after the sighting. It's obvious that when you in 40 years have been a witness to phenomena, having entered the minds of people all over the World, in so many years, you must feel a certain excitement when it finally succeed. But there was at no time any feeling of neither fear nor panic, but an annoyance over no other was represented and could confirm the experience or that I didn't had a chance to record the sighting on e.g. video-tape, but the light wasn't intense enough, though. Due to the high speed it was impossible to use a prism-binocular, as I had in my hands."

Comments

Since the above mentioned subject has had my special interest, I had two similar sightings back in 1959. But - at the first sighting - there was only two objects, and about one week later, at the second sighting the objects came from different directions. At the last occasion I had two witnesses.

- Nobody have ever been able to tell us what we saw in '59 and unfortunately haven't ever since seen something like it.

The UFOs are still not only mysterious and inexplicable but indeed unpredictable too.

Sightings

Danish UFO Reports 1989

By Torben Birkeholm

Was a Green Ball a Hallucination?

An older man thinks that a hallucination was the cause for a sighting he had on March the 6th, 1989 at Kalvehave in the southern part of Zealand. About 10 minutes past eight in the morning he was standing in Viemosegade waiting for the bus to Præstø. The weather was hazy and calm.

Suddenly he noticed a "round, shining, green thing" in the treetops on the other side of the street. It looked like it was moving towards the witness who took off his glasses and rubbed his eyes in amazement.

The man had to walk a few meters to the left so the light would not disappear behind the house on the other side. While the green light approached, it became smaller and smaller until it disappeared in the middle of the street a couple of meters from the man. The duration was 30-60 seconds. There was no other witnesses so the older man walked out on the street and stepped on the place where the light had disappeared, and he was amazed because he had expected a trace. There were none.

The reason why the man thinks it was a hallucination is connected with his mood beared the stamp because he was on his way to the hospital to a control for a serious disease. It is of course a possibility but in the same time the account look like other cases often linked to the so-called ball lightning phenomenon - a form for a plasma discharge. In this case the real explanation cannot be found due to the few informations.

"UFOs Close on in 1988"

Under this headline SUFOI published the yearly press release with the results of the investigations in 1988 shortly before Easter 1989.

The readers will understand that we mentioned two Zealandic sightings as particular interesting. One of them was the mysterious sighting from June 7th, 1988 where a flying instructor and his pupil were chased by a silvery, ball-shaped object in full daylight over Allerød Airport. And of course, the first

Danish video recording was the second interesting case from 1988 mentioned in the press release sent to newspapers, radio and TV.

TV and Newspapers Were very Interested

The press release caused a great interest from the news media and the Danish news agency Ritzaus Bureau put an edited version on their telephone news. The newspapers published a total of 27 articles on the case, from very little notes to more detailed articles with photos and large headlines, drawings and interviews with representatives from SUFOI.

Of course, the video film from Lyngby was very interesting to the picture media and SUFOI immediately got phonecalls from the news editors on TV-Avisen (Danmarks Radio, called "DR", TV-News, placed in Copenhagen), TV2 Nyhederne

(TV2News, placed in Odense) og Danmarks Radio's Landet Rundt („All Around the Country“, a magazine pro-



A silvery, ball-shaped object followed a plane over Allerød Airfield - one of the most interesting sightings in 1988.

Drawing: Stefan Harboe Andersen

gram from Århus). They all wanted to show something from the video film, but only "Landet Rundt" was able to meet the wishes of the photographer and show the whole recording and let SUFOI assist. Therefore the recording was shown in "Landet Rundt" the 21st of March followed by an interview in the studio with the chairman of SUFOI.

The interest for the ufo phenomena and SUFOI was remarkable in the time after with several features in regional and local radiostations and e.g. the local TV in Copenhagen, Kanal 2, showed an interview with the secretary of SUFOI Karin Bøger on the magazine program "Morgenflimmer" (Morning-Flicker) March the 28th.

Dark UFO or a Kite at Night

One will easily see a light on the dark night sky. It's more remarkable when people tell SUFOI about dark objects seen on a dark sky but as you see in the following the sound may attract attention.

On May the 27th, 1988 a couple was driving home near Fosdalen at Brovst. It was the night between Friday and Saturday and at 01.45 they went out of the car at the courtyard. They were surprised by an intense "crackling" noise seemingly coming from above. They couldn't see anything so the man turned off an outdoor lamp. Above one of the ridges on the roof, approx. 45 over the horizon - in a northern direction, they could see a dark object, which seemingly was the source of the sound.

The couple described the object as either oval/round or oblong. It was more dark than the sky and without any light. At the same time, as the sound almost *"surrounded them from all sides, the dark object moved in hops from side to side"*. The man describes the crackling sound as something connected with electricity and at a time he thought at a ball lightning - except that there was no light.

The woman was standing at the same place watching the object when she suddenly noticed the sound was gone and the object seemed to hover for a while before descending behind the ridge of the roof and then disappeared. This happened after about two minutes.

The couple couldn't estimate the distance and the size of the sky but this is also difficult when a dark object is seen on a dark sky (even if the object was darker than the sky). They were sure that the object covered an area as the size of the full moon.

They were both curious and a little afraid and after the sighting the man kept an eye with the surroundings but nothing unusual appeared. By friends he contacted SUFOI later that day.

The following day the couple heard that some children had played with a kite in the afternoon, before the sighting. The kite flew away from them and disappeared in a clump of trees behind the property of the couple. The children didn't find the kite before the day after the sighting, when it was cut down from a tree placed about 30 meters from the observation site (the courtyard) almost in the line of the sight for the dark object. Therefore the man considered if the kite could have caused the phenomenon.

An investigation on the site showed that by a line on at least 30 meters the kite theoretical could be seen over the ridge of the roof. Yet there were some serious troubles with this explanation. At the first the kite which was not visible over/in the tree before the sighting had to be blown up in the air once in the night. The wind had to be so intense that the kite could hop and dance while it was strongly "crackling". And there was *no* wind when the couple arrived at home in the night!

And then the strong wind suddenly must have gone - after the sound had stopped - so the kite again could descend in the trees where it was found the day after. It doesn't really go together!

The kite was of a normal type that can be bought in every toy shop - a white, triangular plastic sheet with a paint of an eagle or another bird of prey.

Temporary we have not been able to find an explanation to this case.

11.09.89, at 20.30, 9373 Hals

A man from the Hals area, east of Aalborg, called the local SUFOI department at about 09:50 p.m. He explained that he had received a call from two women in the house next to his. Here they had seen a big shining "ball" which landed on the field in the direction to his property an hour earlier!

The women had seen "the light ball" slowly fall down to the top of the trees, but they had been so scared that they had hidden in the house and therefore they saw no more.

The man, who called, went outside the house but he didn't see anything. He walked around in the area to find some traces after the "light ball", but due to the darkness he stopped his search.

Frightened by an object dropping a light ball

SUFOI immediately contacted the two women. They were looking after the children, the dog and the house for the neighbour who was not home. They had been out-side at 08:30 p.m. when they saw a "huge star" high in the sky. They thought it was a plane but suddenly a

white light ball came out of the first light, which was now hovering.

Without a sound from the two light phenomena, the light ball was slowly falling to the ground. The women picked up a binocular and now they could see the light was bluish. The light ball looked like a "saucer turned vertically" and they were worried. When they saw it coming down between some trees on the field in the direction to the neighbour they were scared. They thought the mysterious "light phenomenon" would land and they ran inside the house. After a while they looked out again, but then the light had disappeared. They had then watched the two lights for 10-15 minutes.

After that the women contacted the neighbour. They had also remarked that the dogs were restless, and a helicopter was circling in the area about three quarters of an hour after the light had disappeared. They ment the dogs had reacted on the UFO phenomenon and the helicopter was send out to search for it. They seemed nervous and were cleraly scared.

The alarm center of SUFOI works quickly

The local representative of SUFOI informed the alarm center at 22.00, and it only took two minutes to solve the case.

Maybe the watchful readers know that there was a great NATO manoevre in the Danish oceans and the Operative Command of the Navy could confirm that military activities was the cause. A helicopter - as you know, is able to hover at the same place - had been in the position where the women saw a "huge star". For the exercise the helicopter had thrown out a so called "flare" (a light bomb) at 08:35 p.m. This flare falled down to the ground while it was shining very brightly!

Could it have been another phenomenon? No - the women didn't see both the UFO phenomenon and the helicopter throwing out the light bomb, which of course exclude other things than the helicopter as the cause. Already at 10:05 p.m., a quarter of an hour after the call from the neighbour, SUFOI's local department was able to quieten the two women by an explanation. They wondered themselves a little that they hadn't been able to see that it was a helicopter, but it is difficult when the distance is so long that the noise from the engine cannot be heard.

All details explained

The frightened dogs had obviously reacted on the nervous and scared behaviour of the women, instead of the light phenomenon. It's often seen.

That "the light ball" seemed to have a shape like a saucer and was bluish light, was seemingly caused by the fact that a binocular is not so good in the dark.

A typical example

This example is characteristic for many IFO sightings. By a quick and thorough investigation it appears that people often are confused by e.g. dark, missing noise and so on. At the same time we all have troubles by estimating size, distance and shape like uncertainty, fear and imagination are some of the psychological factors which often play an important role.

As long as we are depending on testimonies from witnesses which again are depending on the mentioned factors, the value of those data which we are investigating can always be discussed. It is not only imaginative people who see UFOs. Sober-minded and experienced observers have made the same mistakes of known phenomena.

October 1989

In October the sighting of a flying container-lid at Stokkemarke got a lot of reference in the local press on Lolland (see the reference in UFO-NYT no. 4, 1989, page 3).

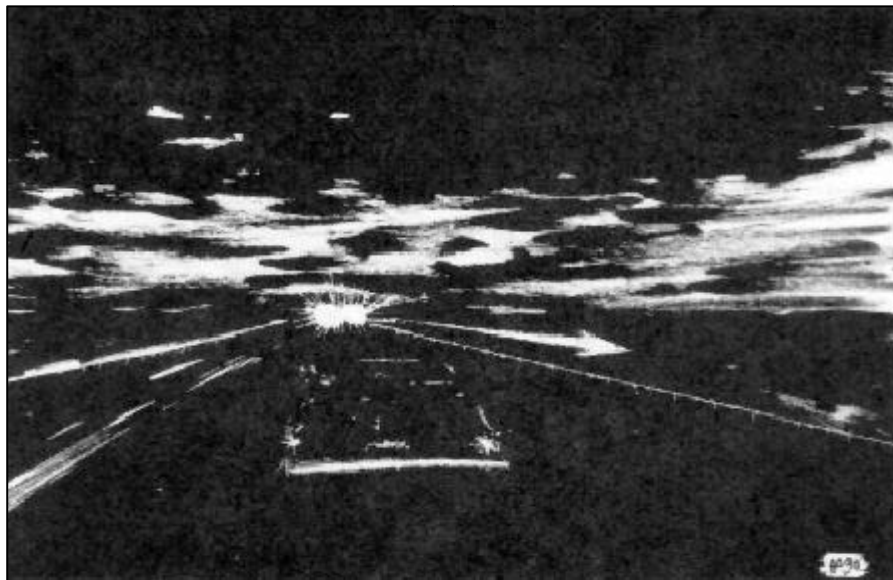
Except from this strange incident there was a reduced number of sightings for the month as such. It started with a dramatic report from a shocked younger man in Slimminge near Ringsted. At 12.40 a.m. the man let out his dog. But he got frightened, when he saw a shining "thing" formed like "a flat lampshade" or "a round ashtray". He thought that the phenomenon was about 200 meters above the ground and 200 meters away. In the front he could see white lights and on the top there were lights, alternately white and red. He thought that the phenomenon hung still in the air about 20 seconds and then it moved in the direction of Copenhagen.

The man heard a humming sound during the sighting at last in 30 seconds. The dog barked during the sighting and the young man was very frightened. He was alone at home and called SUFOI 20 minutes after the incident.

It could have been a plane under approach (with the motors in idle running) for one of the neighbouring airports. Many others before the young man have been surprised by the impressing nightly look of a plane flying in a very low altitude with a lot of lights.

November 1989

In november the tendency continued with a few sightings. It remained to a few sightings of meteorites, but in the end of the month a motorist from Funen had an



I had just passed the bridge at the deceleration lane to Langeskov, then I saw, what I first thought was a vehicle, and I thought that there had been an accident with a car and I just saw a warning signal.

extremely mysterious observation! We will in the following describe the case from the first report from the witness:

UFO Frightens Motorist from Funen

On November the 28th, 1989 just a quarter of an hour past midnight, a 25 years old man drove alone in his car on the the motorway from Nyborg to Odense. The weather was mild, frosty and clear with a good visibility and almost no wind. He tells:

"I had just passed the bridge at the deceleration lane to Langeskov, then I saw, what I first thought was a vehicle, and I thought that there had been an accident with a car and I just saw a warning signal. At that time I thought that the object was a car about 500 to 1,000 meters away which had stopped on the motorway.

"Then I drove very fast, about 120 km/h, to help them, but when I was about 200 meters from the car, I saw it was moving very fast ahead, like it was running away. I discovered that there was not anything else on the road and I realised that it wasn't something naturally. I drove faster to run it down but when I was very close to it, about 50-100 meters, it suddenly jumped over the crash-fence out into the ditch by the side of the road!"

Strange manoeuvres

"After that experience I was very scared, but I noticed the lights from an oncoming truck. I was convinced that the lights from that thing was something 'supernaturally' all the time flashing between the two 'lights' with a red gleam surrounding them. 'It' was now driving on the other side of the crash-fence, it looked like it was in the field. Suddenly 'it' turned towards the road just 50 me-

ters from the front of my car. And then I could not see the flashing lights anymore, and at once 'it' appeared on the other lane of the motorway!

"To me it seemed like 'it' suddenly turned 90 around and in a strange way drove under the road to appear on the other side..."

Got up Courage to Turn Around...

"After 'it' had appeared on the other side of the motorway and after I had passed the site where 'it' crossed the roadway, I could see through the side window and the rear-view mirror that 'it' was on its way out of the road in an incredible speed. After that I didn't dare to look back before I had left the motorway at the Odense Ø deceleration lane. Here I parked for about one minute.

"After a fruitless waiting for a car driving towards Nyborg on the motorway I decided to drive on the motorway back to Langeskov to find out what I had been seeing and where 'it' had gone. But I didn't find out anything, except that I was deadly scared..."

The duration of the sighting was two minutes, and the witness describes the "object" as two big, flashing, quadrangles lights. He estimated the distance from the lights to the road to about one meter. The big red glow was mainly above the lights but it was also seen surrounding the lights.

Two lights were flashing alternately but so fast that it all the time was "bathed" in a red glow.

Later when further investigations have been made, SUFOI will return to the case. Among other things it is very important to get into contact with other witnesses e.g. the truck driver in the oncoming truck.

UFOLOGY

Project UFODATA

By Kim Møller Hansen

Statistics in tables and curves can look quite convincing and scientific, but it don't necessarily give a true image of the reality. And if you write poor data into a statistical program the result will be just as bad and unservicable as the input. This is a fact which many of the creators of UFO data-bases have recognized.

Many of the readers might remember when SUFOI in 1977 built up Project UFODATA with M.Sc. Per Andersen as idea-man and project-manager. The idea was to record all Danish UFO and IFO reports which should be the basis for a detailed analysis of reports, yearly statements and statistical ten years summaries.

In connexion with the birth of the project a new UFO report scheme was made. Soon it appeared that the scheme was so good that several other countries to day use it and others have copied it.

Together with Jørgen Bengtvig and other hard-working collaborators Per Andersen started the enormous task it was to record SUFOI's many thousands of reports. Totally all the volumes from 1975 to 1979 were recorded - which were more than 2,200 reports.

Caused by lack of men the project afterwards was suspended. Now we began to evaluate the experience which the recording-work had given until now. During the work, some statistic facts turned out. The reports were very different. The UFOs seemed certainly not to look like each other! But to be able to handle the reports statistical, they had to be classified in more defined groups. In that way some reports came in the same group even if they in some ways were rather different, which was extremely unfavourable.

But more conclusive was the detection that too many reports (especially the older ones) was too badly documented. As a result of this fact, SUFOI is not anymore recording the reports to UFO-DATA for greater statistic analysis but only use the time to investigate the most reliable and exceptional sightings thoroughly. This demands experienced



field-investigators and that's why we are doing a new effort to educate new field investigators.

SUFOI's new order of priority to the report collection and preparation doesn't mean that those reports, contains insufficient documentation and are valueless. Time after time it has shown up that a new sighting-report has lightend up an older shelved case or vice versa.

New Initiatives

In every issue of UFO-NYT our readers can find a list over all the sightings which SUFOI know of in certain period. The list gives a general view of which current cases SUFOI's field-investigators are

working on. The list must not be taken for more than it really is: a general view - and not a final list over "real" UFOs.

Every year new projects appears, hatched out by enthusiastic UFO interested people - so far so good. One of these projects are WAURLD (World Annual UFO Reports Listing Device) with Patrick Vidal from the Dutch SOBEPS as project leader. WAURLD is a new data base which will try to give a general view over all the UFO activities on the Earth. Vidal has invited all organizations to send in lists over all UFO-sightings in and after the year 1987.

Of course it's nice to get a general view of what's going on around the world, but one can be afraid that the sightings lists (as seen before) will form the basis for new unrealistic analysis. As long as the different countries have different valuation criterions and the recording by the field investigators are of changing quality, such a data-base has little value.

When the resources are scanty SUFOI consider it to be far more clever to use the time on well documented, reliable and unusual cases. As it appears in the columns of UFO-NYT these cases do exist. They are both exciting and instructive to us and doesn't "just" give us more knowledge about the UFO phenomenon but also of great value to our knowledge about how human beings do perceive things/phenomena.

Worldwide UFO Data Bases

UFOCAT (USA)
Project URD (Sweden)
UNICAT (USA, replaced UFOCAT)
WAURLD (Belgium)

National UFO Data Bases

UFODATA (Denmark)
UFOCOMFILE (UFO COMputer
FILE, Australia)
UFODOC (Holland)
TASCAT (TASmania catalogue of
UFO events, Tasmania, Australia)
BUFORA Computer Project (The
United Kingdom)
UFOBANK (Italy)
BECASSINE (France)
ARGENCAT (ARGENTinian
CATalogue, Argentina)
COMPITACAT (COMPuterized
ITACAT, Italy)

Furthermore these are several smaller, specialized data-bases, e.g. Anders Liljegren from AFU in Sweden has established a data base for all material on the ghost rockets.

UFO Report

Hovering Fire over the Gudenå

By Peter Nørgaard

"No, who has heard about a hovering fire", but that was how the witness described to SUFOI's field investigator. Said in another way: an orange, pulsating light was seen for approx. 15 minutes while it moved from east to west. What was it that the witness saw that night in April at Ulstrup?

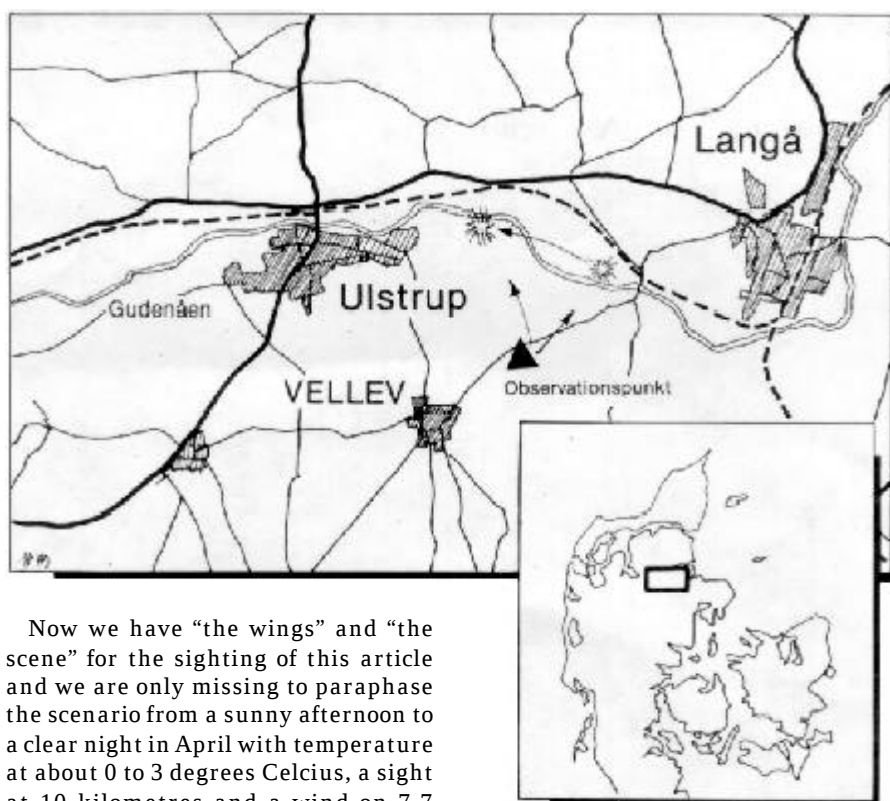
Imagine a beautiful landscape. You are standing on a hill looking over an "April-dressed" landscape. Through a row of not yet bursting into leaf birch-trees you look down over the hilly terrain dressed in the season's germinating green colours which in the ground of the valley are refracted by the sky-blue, movable surface of a little river.

The moorish area on both sides of the little river is still flooded as the last perishable imprint of King Winter's mild 88/89 visit. The water ripples quite up into the gardens and fields of the nearest farms. The beams of the Sun sparkles in the little ripples of the water surface.

The run of your eyes continue over the terrain and on the other side of the little river it catches a thin line in the landscape weakly suggesting the possibilities for a road or a railroad. The distant roar of a local train confirm the immediate impression and a look at a detailed map over the area eliminate any doubt: the railroad between Randers and Viborg passes through this beautiful valley. Besides the map reveals that the highway between Langå and Ulstrup are almost running parallel with both the little river and the railroad. (See the map over the area).

Further away in your field of vision the eyes are met by the rising outlines of the landscape and spreaded white gables and red roofs on the houses as a proof on the human existence in this area. You are standing looking in a straight northern direction.

When you have all this for your mind's eye it can be revealed that you are on a hill near the village Vellev, which is situated in a lovely place in the middle of Jutland in a triangular area between Viborg, Randers and Silkeborg. The mentioned view is down over Vellev Moor where the Gudenå beautifully flings through the valley.



Now we have "the wings" and "the scene" for the sighting of this article and we are only missing to paraphrase the scenario from a sunny afternoon to a clear night in April with temperature at about 0 to 3 degrees Celcius, a sight at 10 kilometres and a wind on 7,7 meters/second in a northeastern direction. The clock is about 02.00 a.m. and we're now found ourselves on...

The Night for the Sighting

The date is April the 1st, 1989 and let me at once nail down that it isn't an April fool which the readers surely will see later on in this article.

The witness (65 years old; in the article called N) lives in a lovely house suitable for use throughout the year at the above mentioned hill, approx. 45 meters over the surface of the sea. N has just waked up looking at his wristwatch which he, caused by an old habit from his job always wears when he sleeps. It's early Saturday night and

the clock is 02.00 a.m. N is awake cause by a need to wee-wee.

While N is laying thinking if it is necessary to leave his bed and walk down to the toilet in the ground floor, he is glad that he among other things did all the work in the forest yesterday. Caused by the hard work N went earlier to bed than normal, about 8.00 p.m. N had a good sleep and had not dreamed.

N was alone in the house when he at 2.30 decided to get out of his bed. As a habit he looked out of the window in the roof when he rose himself from the bed. Even in the night the view is dashing and fascinating. N and his wife have lived in the house for many years and he knew

the view of the different outlines in the beautiful landscape. This night was no exception, and yet, there was something which did not used to be there, an orange-yellow light seemingly over the Gudenå.

N wondered and watched the phenomenon for about 5 minutes and it didn't move.

"*Strange time to light a fire*", N thought, but there was something mysterious at the light phenomenon: Seemingly there was no connection with neither the water surface nor the ground, consequently "a hovering fire"?

When N some minutes later returned to the first floor the light phenomenon was still visible, and N went out on the balcony of the study room, pointing towards north. When N in binoculars from this room watched the phenomenon it pulsed and it has begun on a slowly but certain movement from east to west, still pulsating and very diffuse. N was able to see that the water surface was lit up beneath the light which was slightly bulb-shaped.

The phenomenon moved with a constant velocity and didn't change direction. After a total of 15-20 minutes it disappeared from N's field of vision, due to some large trees on the ground. Yet it was the impression of the witness that the phenomenon continued on its course towards the town of Ulstrup.

During the sighting not a sound was heard neither from the phenomenon nor from any other places in the surroundings, and no try to photograph the object was done.

The Reaction of the Witness

A couple of days after the sighting N got in talk with a person in the neighbourhood who had a lot of old issues of UFO-NYT in which they found the phone number of Bo Nielsen, SUFOI's representative in Eastern Jutland.

N received SUFOI's report scheme and after that it was easy to establish that there was a lot of interesting details in the case. The witness had done a proper work by filling out the report scheme and enclosed 3 typewritten pages with elaborating informations and a drawing showing the scene and the view on the night for the sighting.

N had in the days after his sighting contacted several people in the area, living in houses from which they perhaps could have seen the same orange light only from another angle (this investigation brought 4-5 older ufo sightings up in the light, but not yet investigated by SUFOI). N wanted to get his sighting confirmed from other sides since the sighting had made him curious. It was like a quite new world

had opened to N who had never before been occupied with UFOs except from what time to other was in the papers.

A fine example of this "UFO fever" that had struck N is that he during the two month after the sighting read everything what the libraries in Randers and Langå had to offer with in this genre. Furthermore N, from a local inhabitant in Ulstrup, borrowed and quick-read all issues of UFO-NYT back to 1970.

Of course this implies that it must be considered how much this comprehensive reading subsequently has influenced N's origin perceive of the sighting. Yet to that it must be said that there has not been appreciable departures in N's statements in two interviews about two months after the sighting versus the report.

Field Investigation

On May the 29th, 1989 (and again a week later) two field investigators visited N. For the occasion we among other things had brought along: Binoculars (10x50), camera, map (1:100,000) compass and protractor.

N's impressions of the dimensions in the landscape is overall realistic but N has also had relations to the area for many years and lived there for different periods in the last 25 years.

Converted into meters N guessed that the phenomenon/object in reality had been between 8-15 meters in diameter. (This is very difficult to check out but from the different data it doesn't seem unrealistic).

Our calculations on the observation site indicate that the object has moved with a speed between 10-15 km/h.

The distance to the place where N at the first time saw the object is approx. 1,200 m. The distance to the place where N at the last time saw the object is a little doubtful but between 1,700 and 1,800 m.

Theories

In the following all these theories will be examined:

- A. A plane or other known celestial phenomenon.
- B. Headlights of a car.
- C. Road-making in the night haulage with yellow flash.
- D. Working in the night on the railroad, e.g. rail grinding.
- E. Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis.
- F. Advertising or weather balloon.
- G. Metan/swamp gas, "will-o'-the-wisp".
- H. Boat on the little river/eel flaring.
- I. Fire at the little river.
- J. Plasma phenomenon or alike.
- K. Hallucination or alike.
- L. Invented story.
- M. Inexplicable phenomenon.

A. A Plane or Other Known Celestial Phenomenon

The object is seen down in Gudenå Valley and a measuring with a protractor confirm my direct impression that the object clearly is seen under the horizon. Among other things the object apparently passes behind a house laying on the slope half of the way to Vellev Moor. In this way planes, helicopters, satellites, falling stars and liking celestial phenomena can be excluded.

Yet a little local airfield is placed within N's field of vision. The runway almost runs horizontal on the axis of vision. Yet



This photo is taken by N and shows the view from the balcony. North is approx. in the middle of the image.

it's not visible from N's balcony and is laying hiding along a little gravel road. We have been on the site and talked with the attendant who is living at the end of the runway. The airfield is rarely in use and then only by a local Ulstrup citizen. There is no landing lights, as the runway only is an uneven grass field.

It could also have been a huge lighted torch as a signal to an air drop of e.g. drugs from a plane. Surely this *cannot* be excluded but it doesn't explain N's sighting where the object was moving further to west than the runway.

B. Headlights of a Car

The highway almost runs parallel with the Gudenå and horizontal abeam to the axis of the vision which means that direct headlights of cars is only visible from N's balcony if they are driving towards the little river. N is used to see headlights of cars from that side when there is common traffic at the road between Ulstrup and Langå.

The observed is so far from headlights of cars that this theory must be excluded.

C. Road-making in the Night/ Haulage with Yellow Flash

We have addressed two separate approaches to the Road Administration who had no piece of information on road-making with yellow flashes or other haulage in the time mentioned.

We have also talked with the local road-inspector who is responsible for this road. He gives the same negative answer. There are three factors in the area with a need for transportation of large engine parts, and these are two windmill-factories and Grundfoss in Bjerringbro. We visited one of the windmill-factories and here we heard that they seldom drove after midnight, and usually the parts for the windmill towers were transported in smaller parts. A phone call to the other windmill-factory gave the same result. Grundfoss hadn't either, on the date in mention (and actually very seldom), huge transports with warning-flash in the night.

D. Working in the Night on the Railroad e.g. Rail Grinding

This is investigated by the phone at DSB's (DSB=Danske Statsbaner, Danish Railroads) Traffic Department (both in Randers, Viborg, Langå and Ulstrup), and they had no piece of information on work in the night on the railroad at the time in mention.

N had talked with a local pensioned railroad-master in Ulstrup, who told that rail-grinding is only done every second to third year because it is very expensive.

It must be told that there wasn't any ordinary traffic on that part of the railroad after midnight.

E. Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)

Northern lights was seen on April the 1st, 1989 at 11.00 p.m. (the same day but in the evening) several places in Denmark, but it's never seen under the horizon and with details as described.

Besides N has during his work in Sweden seen northern lights several times and is in that way familiar with these phenomena. Therefore, this theory too surely must be excluded.

F. Advertising or Weather Ballons

About 2-3 weeks before the sighting there had been an advertising balloon in the area. Yet this theory may too be excluded caused the movement of the object and the position under the horizon.

G. Metan/Swamp Gas - "Will-o'-the-Wisp"

When you look in an encyclopaedia under the conception "will-o'-the-wisp" you often can see this description: "*Faint lighting bluish flames seen in the night on moist places and according to the folklore it should trap people in the moor. It appears often probably by selfignition or oxydation of gasses generated at putrefaction.*"

N has from time to time seen ground-mist in the area but the night in mention there was nothing of that kind. After what we know on this phenomena it is not likely that it's the explanation to what N has seen, e.g. due to the wind and the temperature.

H. Boat on the Little River/Eel Flaring

The object moved against the stream. It's possible with a 3 horse powered boat (maximum speed is 5 knots). Along with this part of the Gudenå some little boats are laying but there isn't much traffic. In the summer there is often canoes on the little river but these are only seen as little lines on the water seen from N's balcony in daylight.

If the explanation should be a boat it must have had a powerful form for illumination aboard. Perhaps a raft with a fire aboard but why and who would sail just on that place at 02.30 a cold night in April?

If there has been a boat/boats (fishermen) on the little river that night it can be difficult to find out. Regarding eel flaring we have talked to local spare time fisherman who tells that the bottom of the little river on this distance is uneven and poor and the water is too muddy.

The theory with a boat or a raft with a powerful light source aboard is dismissed by N, as he through the binoculars could see the water surface under the object.

I. Fire at the Little River

N was down in the area to see if there was a fire place at this part of the Gudenå. Furthermore the object moved over a distance of an angle on about 35. Besides N isn't able to remember that he ever has seen a fire in this moor area.

J. Plasma Phenomenon or Alike

These phenomena are known under many different names, among others "earthlights", and isn't quite the same. The bedrock is between 2 and 5 km



This picture is drawn by N and shows the hovering fire over the Gudenå at the end of the sighting April the 1st, 1989 at 02:30-02:45

down in the area. We don't know so much about these phenomena but they are known to appear at rocky areas in the subsoil.

K. Hallucinations or Alike

This theory is excluded by N who had been awake half an hour before the sighting began. N had no advanced interest or knowledge about UFOs and he had not dreamed about something especially which may lead the mind into UFOs. That the sighting should have been a hallucination, I consider as unrealistic.

Among other things the sighting had made so great an impression at N, that he some days later experienced the following: An evening when he drove on the road from Langå he looked at a hill between some trees and here he saw a "light" looking like that light he saw on April the 1st, 1989. He is caught by the situation and drives fast along a path in the forest towards the "object". On the top of the hill the headlights of the car hits the local forest-ranger burning some waste from the forest. It means that the real fire looked like the actual UFO sighting.

L. Invented Story

The most eager skeptics certainly will be incident to the date, the sighting took place on April the 1st and it might had been an April-fool. I look at this as totally unrealistic primarily because of the great work N has done after the sighting, but also seen from a general estimation of all the details and aspects in the case.

Conclusion

M. Inexplicable Phenomenon

After I have commented the individual theories and excluded the most as possible explanations actually there is only the term "hovering fire" back and by this we are at the present not able to go further with the case.

The case has to be looked at as unexplained in spite of the great investigation work done by three of SUFOI's field investigators.

A Burning House?

Perhaps N is not alone with his UFO sighting. Perhaps the object was seen of a couple in Ulstrup who between 02.30 and 03.00 returned home from a party. Yet only the man (in the following called A) saw what he thought was a burning house. The man was sitting at the right front seat and looked occasionally down of the dead-ending side roads. At the end of one of these side roads is a slim field and the Gudenå (see the map).

SUFOI's field investigators have visited A, and we made a little reconstruction.

With A on the right front seat we drove the distance in the villa area at Ulstrup. The light seen by A was on the end of a side road which had to be passed on the way to A's home. The car was driving at a speed of about 40 km/h which means that A only looked down at the half dark side road for about 2-3 seconds. Time enough to see a shining object, as described by A, could look like a burning house, but not time enough to see a lot of details.

When A sees the "fire" he cries: "Hey, there is a burning house!" They continue the driving and shortly after they turn down the third side road where they are living. They drive down to the end of the road and turn around in the "round-about" which is placed in the bottom of every road while they are talking about what the man has seen. They agree to go back to look if there really is a fire and if they can do something.

Thus there is nothing to see. They drop it, drive home and go directly to bed. They don't go into the living room and therefore they don't look in the direction (down to the little river) where the object could have continued on its travel. The bedroom is turned towards the "round-about" and the road.

Caused by the short time of the sighting A can only tell this about the object: The light-source filled out the house-end and converted into meters it's about 3-5 meters. No sound was heard from the object. Note too, that the windows in the car was closed.

The Same Sighting?

There is some similarities with N's sighting, and some of the data may suit as a continuation of N's sighting.

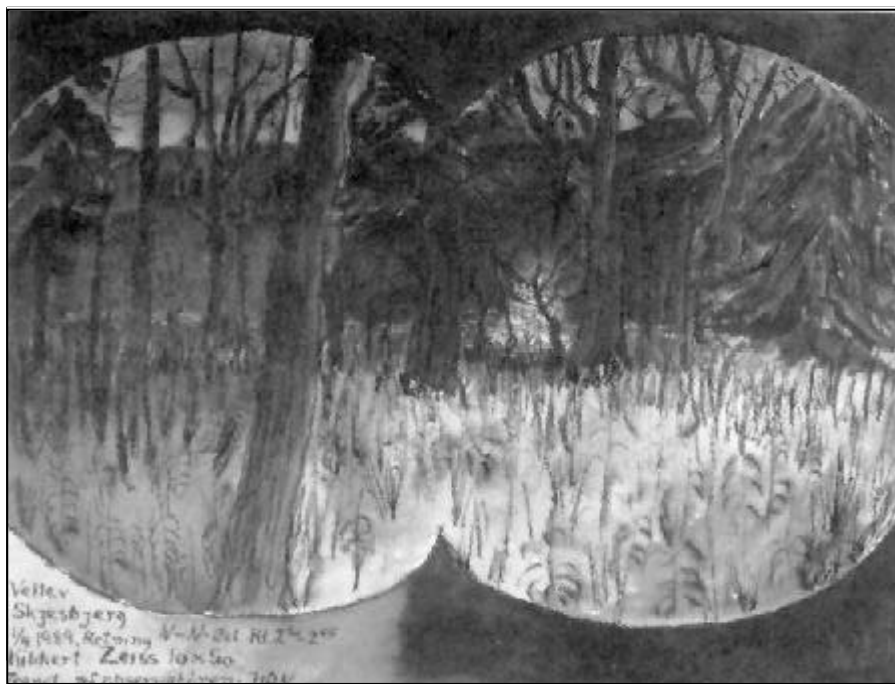
It concerns:

- The colour - orange and seen as something burning (in Danish "brand", N uses the word "fire" in Danish "bål").
- The time - with the mentioned uncertainty the time can suit if the object has increased the speed.
- No sound from the object - (the windows of the car was closed).
- The direction - Both if the object has followed a steady course on the Gudenå the site for the sighting suits precisely.
- The altitude - where the object was seen. It seems not impossible with the difference in altitude. The protractor measuring at A: one degree over the horizon, at N: from 3 to 5 degrees under the horizon. The witnesses estimation on the weather conditions - about zero degrees.

The most remarkable difference is the size, but A has seen the object closer on and only for 2-3 seconds.

SUFOI's field investigators have no reason to doubt the sighting of A; yet it's not possible to make further investigations.

The conclusion on the sighting of A is that it's a confirmation on N's sighting.



The phenomenon seen through a binoculars.

Drawing: N.

Danish Photo Case

Mysterious Light Ball on The Trotting Course

By Kim Møller Hansen

The third race had just finished. The starting car was slowly driving towards the judges' box. But what was that? Just by the side of the car a little, shining ball was flying...

"In the beginning it looked like a powerful electric torch hanging in a line, but it couldn't be, because the light was constant. Unfortunately I took no photos while the car drove towards me because I was busy wondering what it could be. When the car stopped at the judges' box the light stopped too and my reaction was that it had to be a ball like "the hovering ball" you see in a magician's show.

"Then the object moved slowly and quite even under the car and I woke up and ran to the other side of the car and took a picture when the object appeared again.

"When the car stopped, the boy (who had been a guest in the starting car) jumped out and ran across the course. In the picture it looks like he is escaping from the light ball - but he is just running to his mother and farther. After taking

the picture and before I got the camera from my eye, the object was gone. I don't know how it disappeared."

The Investigation

The incident took place Thursday August 3rd, 1989 between 10.04 and 10.05 p.m. As SUFOI is still investigating the case, we will neither tell where the incident took place, the name of the photographer and nor possible witnesses.

Camera and film

Camera: Nikon F3
Optics: Nikkor 85 mm, f/1.4.
Film: Kodak TMAX 400
exposed as 3200 ISO
Developer: Tetenal EMOFIN
Exposure: 1/250 second, f=2.8

The case is very interesting because this time it succeeded for a witness (a professional photographer) to photograph the same phenomenon as he saw.

The photographer describes the phenomenon as a soundless, white/yellowish ball with a size like a tennis-ball or an orange with a visible corona. The light ball followed the starting car over a distance on about 250 meters and flew against the wind!

The photographer has been extremely careful in his own investigation of the case:

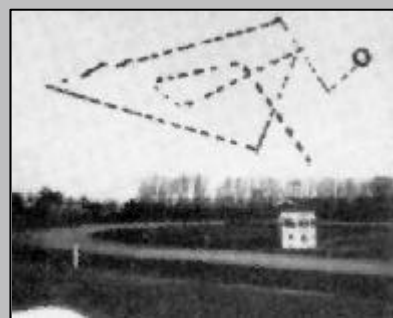
1. To see if the "light spot" on the image could be a light reflection (from the headlights of the starting car or the many strong projectors on the trotting course) the photographer has taken several control pictures. E.g. photographed the scenario from exactly the same place - without any light spots on the control pictures.
2. After this film was developed, several film had been developed in the same developer and the same developer tank without any failures.
3. It could have been a failure in the negative film, but in the nearly 350 film the photographer has developed from the trotting course and about 300 other films for use in the press he has never seen any failures at those negative films.

Yet the photographer had wondered on one single thing by the discovery of the shining phenomenon. The used camera (Nikon F3) has a very high picture speed - about 5-6 pictures per second - when a motor is used. Even

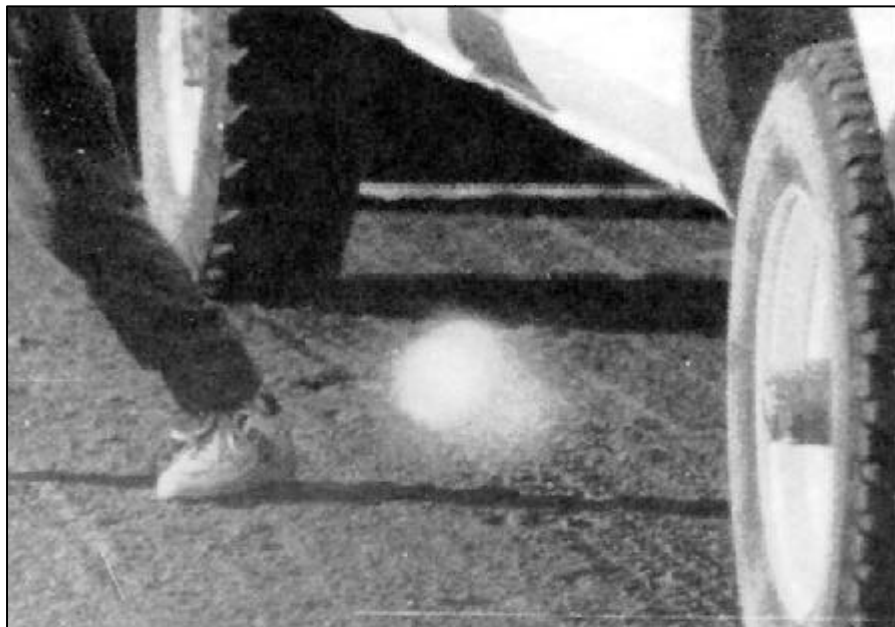
though only one picture was exposed where he usually will take 2-3 pictures with the motor on. The photographer believes, that it is possible he had slipped the "button" very quickly - or the camera had "refused to operate" after one picture. During the following races the camera worked perfectly!

The photo consultant of SUFOI, Hans Bødker, has interviewed the photographer and studied the original negative without being able to give any explanation to this phenomenon. Bødker's opinion is that it's a case with a very high value of strangeness.

Another trotting course ufo



The author and journalist Orla Johansen (Handy) had on October 31st, 1976 a UFO sighting at "Jydsk Væddeløbsbane". Here he watched a little red light ball flickering around in the air over horses and spectators obviously only in a high of 10-15 meters. In the photo the site of the sighting is seen with the judges' box on "Jydsk Væddeløbsbane", where Orla Johansen has drawn the path of the object. Orla Johansen thought it was a ball lightning. (See UFO-NYT No. 2 and 5, 1977.)



Just a reflection

An analysis of the original negative indicate that light phenomenon just is a reflection in the lens of the camera from the headlight of the starting car.

Should some new information appear SUFOI will return to the case in future SUFOI News.

Here the light ball is shown in a great enlargement. (SUFOI photo case No. 1989-08-03-211. Must only be used after a written permission from the editor of UFO-NYT.)



It looks like a dramatic image from a Spielberg movie, but it is the fantastic reality from a Danish trotting course. The little light ball followed the starting car at a distance of 250 meters and it has just passed under the car. The boy has jumped out of the car to run over to his waiting parents. Later the boy told that he noticed that there was very bright under the car as like the headlights were placed under the car, but he didn't see the object.

In the picture it looks like there is a tail after the light ball appearing "in double" - probably because of the movement. It isn't possible to see any shadow from the ball as well as the ground is not illuminated by the light ball. (SUFOI photo case No. 1989-08-03-211. Must only be used after a written permission from the editor of UFO-NYT.)

